

REVENGE HIS MOTIVE

Camorrist Says Informer Has
Grudge Against Him.

DEFENSE OF DE MARINIS

Maintains His Innocence, and Says
He Once Discharged Abbatemaggio.

ACCUSED OF PLANNING CRIME

Although Arrested Frequently, Pris-
oner Declares He Had Nothing
to Do With Murder.

VITERBO, Italy, April 4.—The jury in the Camorra trial listened today to the testimony of Giuseppe de Marinis, who is charged with having planned the murder of Gennaro Abbatemaggio and his wife, Maria. De Marinis has been frequently arrested in Naples, the accusations against him including robbery, assault and murder, and he has served brief sentences of imprisonment.

The Camorrist was not in good voice today, but he shouted his denials with considerable vehemence. He denied any part in the assassinations and asserted that he had been involved in the revelations of the informer Gennaro Abbatemaggio because of the latter's personal spite. He had discharged Abbatemaggio from his employ, he said.

In forging the chain of evidence against the thirty-six Camorrista the carabinieri claimed to have found in de Marinis' house a postal card addressed to him by Luigi Arena and asking for the release of Cuccolo because he had betrayed the writers to the authorities. In telling the story of the murders Abbatemaggio had said that such a postcard had been written and that immediately upon its receipt by de Marinis the assassination was planned.

Revelations of Informer.

The informer also said that de Marinis took possession of Cuccolo's ring for the purpose of sending it to Arena, who was in prison, as evidence that he had been avenged. Subsequently the carabinieri claimed to have found the ring at the home of a woman friend of de Marinis.

Replying to questions by President Bianchi, de Marinis said that Arena had never written him. He could not recall ever having met the man. He denied that he had received the ring supposed to have been taken from the hand of the dead man. As for the Cuccolo, he did not know anything of him. At the time of their deaths he was in Naples.

De Marinis admitted that he was a usurer, but declared that he was innocent of the crime charged. Abbatemaggio, in involving him, was satisfying a personal grudge, he said. This he explained as follows:

Discharged Abbatemaggio.

"Abbatemaggio was for a time my stable boy, receiving from me fifteen dollars a month. He proved a very bad young man. He stole a gold chain from my pocket, assaulted my sister, and bit my coachman, drawing blood.

"When I heard of his foul deeds I dismissed him from my employ, saying:

"Tell that ruffian never to come in my presence again, or I will cripple him with a club." This was the cause of Abbatemaggio's rancor leading to the attempt at a terrible revenge.

STARS BANDIT WITH HAT PINS.

Young New York Woman Puts Hold-Up Man to Flight.

NEW YORK, April 4.—Miss Hannah Krotchvil threw up her hands early today when a highwayman thrust a pistol in her face, but her action was not in token of surrender. On the contrary, the young woman, who was held up on Lexington avenue, pulled out two wicked looking hat pins and began vigorously jabbing at her assailant. One punctured the robber's arm and evidently took the fight out of him, for he wheeled and took to flight.

Miss Krotchvil started in pursuit, screaming for help, but, handicapped by a skirt built more or less on the lines of the hobble, was losing ground when others took up the chase and the hold-up man was caught.

TRAGEDY SHATTERS MIND.

Woman Sees Young Man and His Sister Killed by Train.

BEAVER, Pa., April 4.—Harry McCoy, aged twenty-one, and his sister Grace, aged thirteen, were struck and killed by an eastbound Cleveland and Pittsburgh passenger train last night near their home, at Smiths Ferry.

Several hundred feet away, standing on her porch, Mrs. David Quinn screamed to the young people to warn them, but the noise of the train drowned her voice. She assisted railroad men rather than the mutilated bodies and as they were laid on her porch she was suddenly taken with convulsions, caused by the shock, and physicians fear her mind is shattered.

TOWN MARSHAL KILLED.

Desperado Kills One Officer and Wounds Another.

OSCEOLA, Ark., April 4.—R. L. Ferguson, marshal of the town of Osceola, was shot and killed, and Robert Dean, a deputy sheriff, was wounded, probably fatally, last yesterday when they endeavored to arrest Henry Coltes, charged with operating a "blind tiger." The shooting occurred on the bank of the Mississippi river at Wilson, ten miles south of Osceola.

Coltes, when in midstream, in answer to commands to halt, opened fire with a shotgun. Ferguson was instantly killed, his body falling into the river, and Dean's face was riddled with shot.

Coltes escaped, but is being pursued by a posse.

Fires at Canons During Service.

ROME, April 4.—A man, subsequently identified as Pietro Pesanti, and thought to be insane, entered St. Peter's today armed with a revolver, and without warning fired upon the canons who were engaged in the recitation of the breviary. The shot went wild and the man was arrested. He fought savagely and slightly wounded a policeman.

BOMB IN CITY HALL

Attempt to Wreck Tower at
Springfield, Mass.

CAUSE FOR DEED UNKNOWN

No Labor Trouble on New Structure
for More Than Year.

HOLE TORN IN ABUTMENT BASE

Damage Is Confined to Lower Por-
tion of Structure, Now 180
Feet High.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., April 4.—Several thousand dollars' worth of damage was done early today to Springfield's new million-dollar municipal building, now in process of construction, by an explosion which wrecked the base of the 300-foot clock tower and shook the city for a radius of several blocks.

Two explosions, one following directly after the other, were heard by the officers on duty in the police station adjoining the tower. All the windows in the police offices were smashed by the concussion.

The nature of the explosion indicates, in the minds of the police, that dynamite was used, and that was a deliberate attempt to wreck the tower. No one was injured, the watchman, the only man on the premises at the time, being in a distant part of the building.

No Recent Labor Trouble.

There have been no recent labor troubles, the only trouble of that kind being nearly a year ago, soon after the building was started and that of only minor consequence. Some time ago an Italian workman fell from the tower and was killed, after which several fellow countrymen threw up their places, but there was no trouble at that time.

The new municipal group of buildings is being erected on Court street, facing Court square. There will be three distinct structures when completed, an auditorium, a city hall building and a clock tower between the two. The tower is to be 300 feet in height, of steel and stone construction. The steel work has already been raised to the height of 180 feet, while the masonry is up 140 feet.

It is not thought that the foundation of the tower has been seriously damaged or its strength impaired.

Daylight inspection of the municipal building showed that the force of the explosion tore a small hole in the abutment of the tower, which can be readily repaired without the removal of the upper stories already completed. The tower otherwise shows no sign of the force of the explosion.

ENTERS AVIATION SCHOOL.

Young English General, Saying War Is Playing Out, Seeks Excitement.

CHICAGO, April 4.—Gen. Kaid Belton, the young Englishman, who commanded the army which deposed the late Sultan Abdul Aziz of Morocco in the revolution there, entered as a student at the Chicago School of Aviation yesterday.

Gen. Belton came to Chicago several days ago, but did not indicate his motive in coming. He visited the aviation school, where he learned of the treatment of the subject of air navigation and applied for admission to the school. He is a very young man, and his course in a few months.

Gen. Belton gave desire for excitement as his reason for studying aviation. He said: "My game is dying out. There is less fighting and I must have adventure, consequently I decided on aviation."

ARREST WEALTHY SHOPLIFTER.

Woman With Valuable Jewelry Had Muff Filled With Costly Apparel.

NEW YORK, April 4.—An attractive woman wearing five diamond rings valued at not less than \$1,500 and with checks and considerable cash in her purse is locked up here today charged with shoplifting. The police say that they recovered from her muff thirteen shirt waists, a silk dress and a costly table cover alleged to have been stolen from a Broadway department store. The articles were valued at nearly \$200.

Woman's Name Was Mrs. Sarah Blair of Brooklyn.

She broke down and wept during the examination at the police station and declared that if she had taken the articles it was because she was not herself since the death of a daughter two months ago. She was charged with grand larceny and held without bail.

SOCIALIST MAYOR OF BUTTE.

Surprises Developed in Municipal Elections in Montana.

HELENA, Mont., April 4.—Municipal elections in the various towns of Montana yesterday developed some surprises. In Butte, for the second time in the history of the state, a socialist was elected mayor. Helena elected one socialist alderman.

In several towns the question at issue turned upon stricter regulation of saloons, the reformer element winning in all but one. Republican mayors were elected in Great Falls, Bozeman and Livingston and democratic mayors in Billings and Missoula.

Citizens party candidates for mayor were elected in Lewiston, Glasgow and Glendive.

MAY START NEW PROBE.

Senator Poindexter Says Ballinger Case Is Not Yet Closed.

SPOKANE, Wash., April 4.—Declaring that the recent Pinchot and Ballinger investigation was "prearranged whitewash," Senator Miles Poindexter predicted an investigation of the Interior Department by the coming special session of Congress.

"The men who introduced the investigation resolutions at the last session said a vindication of Ballinger was what they wanted, and they got it," declared Poindexter. "The people demand a thorough investigation, and I have no doubt they will get it, now that the recent election has made it possible."

Kenyon Receives 64 Votes.

DES MOINES, Iowa, April 4.—Today's vote on United States senator by the Iowa legislature: Deemer, 38; Kenyon, 61; Porter (democrat), 50; absent or not voting, 8. Necessary to elect, 76.



AT THE OPENING OF THE EXTRA SESSION.

FRANCE SAYS CANADA RECEIVED ADVANTAGES

Declares United States Discriminated Under Reciprocity Agreement.

PARIS, April 4.—At a meeting today of the joint commission on customs of the senate and chamber of deputies Deputy Pichon reported that during a study of the American-Canadian reciprocity agreement he had found that the United States gave to Canada advantages not accorded to France on a variety of articles. Thereupon the commission instructed their president to call the attention of the cabinet to this discrimination under the interpretation of the favored nation clause of the Franco-American treaty, for examination and appropriate action.

Britain Wants Reduced Duties.

LONDON, April 4.—Sir Edward Grey indicated in the house of commons today that the British government contemplates asking the United States to accord Great Britain the reduced duties granted to Canada under the American-Canadian reciprocity agreement.

Replying to the hecklers who sought to draw him again into the much-discussed subject, the foreign secretary said that he was unable at present to make a definite statement, but added significantly:

"There are complicated points involved in the getting of the most favored nation treatment, not before I can say what steps we are taking in laying out the matter before the United States government."

FIRE DRILL SAVES LIVES.

Fifty Children, Many of Them Babies, Rescued From Flames.

NEWARK, N. J., April 4.—The discovery of fire in the 8th avenue baby shelter here last night demonstrated the value of fire drills in institutions of this character, when it was followed by the orderly rescue of more than fifty children, fourteen of whom were infants in swaddling clothes. Eight-year-old Johnnie Savage, one of the inmates, discovered the fire and quietly notified Mrs. Harriet Trenchard, the matron.

The fire gong was sounded and the nurses got the older children in line and marched them to a pavilion in the yard. Other attendants, in accordance with the fire drill regulations, began the rescue of the babies, who were in other parts of the building. All were got out safely before the fire and quietly notified Mrs. Harriet Trenchard, the matron.

The cause of the blaze is unknown. The loss will not be large.

BRIDE'S SORRY FLIGHT.

In New York Alone and Without Expense Money.

NEW YORK, April 4.—A bride of ten days, who arrived here from Kittrell, N. C., Sunday, unaccompanied, and with but \$3.75 in cash, is being cared for at the \$1,500,000, was prominent in church of her plight. The young woman says she is Mrs. Lena Massenburg and that she came here at her husband's urging to meet his relatives. She waited all day for them in the railroad station, but they did not meet her as he had said they would, and when night came she was sent to the municipal lodging house.

Negro Worth \$1,500,000 Dies.

PHILADELPHIA, April 4.—After a long illness, John Trower, reputed to have been the wealthiest negro in the United States, died today at his home in Germantown. Mr. Trower, whose fortune is said to have amounted to \$1,500,000, was prominent in church work and founded a Baptist seminary in Downingtown, Pa., near here. He was sixty-one years old.

SENDS MESSAGE TO TAFT

Japanese Emperor's Felicitation on Exchanging Ratifications of Treaty.

TOKIO, April 4.—Ratifications of the American-Japanese commercial treaty were exchanged this afternoon, following a luncheon given at the palace by Emperor Meiji in honor of American Ambassador O'Brien. Premier Katsura and Foreign Minister Komura were present at the luncheon, preceding which the emperor received Mr. O'Brien in private audience.

During the audience his majesty congratulated the diplomat upon the share he had in the negotiations which made closer the relations between the two countries, and entrusted him with a verbal message for President Taft, in which the American executive is complimented upon the conclusion of a treaty on which Japan places the highest possible value.

After the luncheon the emperor personally handed to Mr. O'Brien an English translation of his formal message to President Taft.

The Anglo-Japanese commercial treaty has been signed and will be published tomorrow.

PREFERS TO STAY IN PRISON.

Convict Out on Parole Asks to Be Locked Up.

STILLWATER, Minn., April 4.—"Sinn-bad the Sallor," whose real name is Charles Price, and who has been out of the Stillwater state prison since August 1, 1910, on parole, has voluntarily returned to the prison. He was sent to the prison in 1905, having been convicted of murder in the second degree.

When he arrived here a few days ago on one of his regular visits he told the officers that he was afraid temptation would be too great for him and that he did not want to violate the conditions of his parole.

During the years he was in the prison he worked in the greenhouse and developed great skill in producing fresh plants and grew mammoth lemons by grafting grape fruit on lemon trees. One lemon measured 10 1/2 inches in circumference.

Striking Miners Issue Ultimatum.

WHEELING, W. Va., April 4.—Striking miners of eastern Ohio have given the officers of the United Mine Workers until Friday of this week to take the 500 workers, who deserted last week, out of the mines, under penalty of calling off the strike on Saturday. It is intimated here that the international board at Indianapolis will call all miners in the Tuscarawas field back to work and take some other means of settling with the operators.

Another strong story in our \$10,000 competition is

THE RED, RED LEAVES

by

Waldo Curyea Walker

See the next

Sunday Magazine
of
The Sunday Star.

SHOT FROM AMBUSH; AMERICAN WILL DIE

Victim of Attack in Mexico Recently a Candidate for Congress.

George Creichfield, an American, was shot from ambush at a ranch near Tuxtepec, Mexico, and probably fatally wounded, according to a telegram received by the State Department today from United States Consul Miller at Tampico. The department immediately ordered the consul to make a thorough investigation of the shooting. It is not known here by whom the shooting was done.

Not Expected to Recover.

The consul added that Mr. Creichfield is a citizen of New Jersey, and recently had resided in Jersey City. He has been public ticket in that state. Aside from the statement that it is not believed that the wounded man can recover, the dispatch contained no details of his injury.

Creichfield is fifty-one years old and a native of Illinois, but for some years he has resided in Jersey City. He has been connected with the Uvalde Asphalt Company of Jersey City, of which his brother is president, and has been representing that concern for the last three years in Mexico and Central America.

In 1908 Creichfield was nominated for Congress on the republican ticket, but was defeated by Representative Eugene F. Kinkaid.

The message of President Diaz to the congress of Mexico, outlining the reforms which his government will support, has been well received in Monterey and created an improved feeling there, according to a telegram received by the State Department today from American Consul General Hanna, at Monterey.

WANTS AVIATION MEET.

Kansas City Named as Starting Point of International Event.

NEW YORK, April 4.—The claims of Kansas City as the starting point of this year's international balloon race are being strongly urged upon the Aero Club of America, which will meet here today to decide upon a place for the start of the big event. A committee of the club has visited the various cities which have solicited the honor and is ready to report its findings.

Other matters on the program of proposed action in aeronautic matters today include ratification of an agreement between the Aero Club and the national Council of the club upon spheres of activity, the club to take international events in charge and the council to govern national affairs.

No Change in Denman Thompson.

WEST SWANZEY, N. H., April 4.—There was no perceptible change today in the condition of Denman Thompson, the well known actor, who is seriously ill with uremic poisoning at his home here. The attending physician said that Thompson could not be considered out of danger, his condition was very encouraging.

Fleet Encounters Bad Weather.

NORFOLK, Va., April 4.—The Atlantic fleet, engaged in battle maneuvers off the Virginia capes, encountered bad weather today, and fog prevented target practice. The wind was light during the day, but the seas were high. The yacht Mayflower, which could not carry Secretary of the Navy Meyer back to Washington last night because of a disarranged boiler, arrived at the navy yard today for repairs.

Secretary Nagel to Speak.

Secretary Nagel has accepted an invitation to address the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences in Philadelphia April 7.

TAFT TO CONGRESS

Draft of Message Read at
Meeting of Cabinet.

HIS VIEWS ON RECIPROCITY

Urges Ratification of the Agreement
With Canada.

TARIFF COMMISSION DESIRED

Charles D. Hilles Becomes Secretary
to the President—Senator O'Gorman's Courtesy Call.

President Taft this morning dictated a rough draft of his message to Congress—to go to that body tomorrow, according to present plans—and submitted it to the cabinet at the regular meeting. The message follows the plans of the President made a month ago, being short and confined to the subject of the reciprocity agreement with Canada. The President forcibly urges the ratification of the agreement by Congress, expressing his belief that such an agreement, when in operation, will be of much benefit to both countries. He briefly calls attention to the message on the same subject submitted by him to the last session of Congress.

On the subject of tariff revision the President is silent. He has in a number of speeches recently expressed the opinion that the tariff should not be revised except after the receipt of full facts gathered through the tariff commission. The President takes the position that tariff revision is not based upon scientific and carefully gathered facts will be dangerous. He has intimated that if the present Congress premeditated that a tariff bill hastily put together and embodying the mere opinions of any party or set of men he will, if the circumstances warrant, veto the measure.

Makes No Threat.

The intention of the democrats to go into tariff revision at this session, therefore, indicates the possibility of executive disapproval before the wind-up, although the President is careful to refrain from anything like a threat. His relations with most of the democrats of the House and Senate are personally cordial, and it is not impossible that he will be consulted somewhat freely by individual democrats as the revision of some of the schedules goes forward. If the democratic leaders are able to convince the President that their tariff propositions are soundly based he will not hesitate to approve what they do.

The situation is a peculiar one for the President, and may reflect to some extent in his message, which will be followed by further messages, as occasion demands. The President is known to hope for tariff commission legislation at this session to carry into effect his ideas that there should be a permanent commission. If developments indicate to him that he can get such a law through Congress he will send a special message on this subject.

Secretary Hilles Takes Oath.

Charles Dewey Hilles today took the oath of office as secretary to President Taft. The ceremony, a brief one, took place after the cabinet meeting, the new secretary being President Taft, Charles D. Norton, the retiring secretary; Robert O. Bailey and newspaper representatives. Mr. Hilles received a number of letters and telegrams wishing him God-speed in his new position and there arrived a number of floral emblems from friends of both Mr. Hilles and Mr. Norton.

One Ohio woman, who admires the new secretary telegraphed him to "step on your laurels. They are fine on your forehead, but they make a mighty poor mattress for the President."

After taking the oath Mr. Hilles went to the Treasury to be present when his successor, Robert Bailey, took the oath as assistant secretary. The two men are close friends. Mr. Bailey also received his duties from him.

Mr. Norton will take a rest of a few days before leaving for New York to assume his duties as president of the First National Bank.

Reorganization of Office Force.

Secretary Hilles will shortly announce the reorganization of the executive force of the White House, as provided in the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill. It has been decided that Maurice D. Latta, now chief clerk at the White House, is to remain there in an important position. Latta was recently offered the position of marshal of the United States Court of Customs and Appeals. He held the offer under advisement until the situation at the White House cleared. He then declined the position, and Frank H. Briggs of Maine, a son-in-law of Senator Frye, has been appointed to the position, succeeding John Elder of Ohio, whose ill-health has compelled his resignation.

It is generally understood that Rudolph Foster, now assistant secretary, and highly regarded by both President Taft and Mr. Hilles, will be given one of the best paying places provided in the White House reorganization. Senator O'Gorman has been accompanied by Representative Littleton of that state, called on the President to pay a visit of courtesy.

"Delegation" From New York City.

President Taft also met the entire republican delegation to the House of Representatives from the city of New York today. The delegation was composed of Representative William M. Calder of Brooklyn, who acted as delegation spokesman and auditor for the President's remarks. The delegation was ushered into the President's room with due ceremony.

"The entire New York City republican delegation," said the spokesman, "is here to pay respects to the President."

The President looked at the spokesman, looked around his office, and then said to the speaker:

"Well, Calder, the President is quoted as saying, 'where is the rest of the delegation?'"

"I'm the only republican from New York City in the House, Mr. President," said Mr. Calder. "I'm the whole delegation."

AFFECTS ONION CROP.

Mexican Revolution Prevents Planting From Securing Needed Labor.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., April 4.—The Mexican revolution is handicapping the gathering of the Texas onion crop. Growers in the vicinity of Laredo are short several hundred laborers.

According to dispatches received here, at least 200 men on their way to the onion fields have been conscripted for service in the Mexican army. One party of fifty, a dispatch states, was taken from a train last Friday, and until the day following, and then told that they were members of the army. They were supplied with uniforms and arms and sent to join the garrison in the vicinity of Torreon, it is stated.

CLARK IN CHAIR; PARTY ON TRIAL

Benefit of All the People to Be Aim
of House Under Democrats.

GIVE EVERY DOLLAR NEEDED;
NOT AN UNNEEDED DOLLAR

This Is Declared by New Speaker to Be
Attitude of Majority Toward
Appropriations.



THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE.

This day marked the opening of the democratic party to demonstrate its worthiness to receive "the wider confidence" of the voters of the country.

Asking his colleagues to keep that fact uppermost in their minds during the present session of Congress, Representative Champ Clark of Missouri, in his speech accepting the speakership of the House, today outlined the measures through which the democratic party hopes to continue to enjoy the faith of the people.

Intelligent revision of the tariff, election of United States senators by popular vote, changes in the House rules to permit proper consideration of public measures, economy in handling the purse-strings of the country, the publication of campaign contributions and the early admission of New Mexico and Arizona to statehood were some of the things which Speaker Clark emphasized in the democratic program as measures which would be undertaken by the majority party in the House.

SPEAKER CLARK'S ADDRESS.

Speaker Clark said:

"Gentlemen of the House of Representatives: Election to the high position of Speaker is an exceptional honor, for which you have my profoundest gratitude. To be a member of the House, to represent 200,000 American citizens in the more numerous branch of the greatest legislative body in the world, is an honor to which, in the nature of things, I am deeply indebted. To be chosen by the representatives of 82,000,000 people to preside over their deliberations is a signal mark of your favor for which the best return is to discharge the onerous and important duties of the station to impartiality, courtesy, industry, courtesy and good temper as to expedite the public business, thereby promoting the public weal.

Under Fortunate Circumstances.

"The pleasure of being elected Speaker is much enhanced by the perfect unanimity with which it is conferred by my party fellows and the universal good will with which it is accepted by our co-laborers of the minority.

"Coming into the Speakership under these favorable circumstances, the duty of co-operation of all members of whatever political persuasion is hereby earnestly invoked in maintaining order and decorum and in placing upon the statute books of laws for the good of the country, and the wholehearted support of the President, who is courageously, wisely and patriotically carrying out measures necessary for the betterment of governmental methods and for the amelioration of the conditions under which we live.

"My democratic brethren, coupled with the joy of once more being a part of the majority, which is of my own political faith, is a keen sense of our responsibility to our country and our kind. It is an old adage worthy of acceptance that where much is given, much is required.

Long Years of Exclusion.

"After sixteen years of exclusion from power in the House, and fourteen years of exclusion from power in every department of government, we are rejoiced to

Economy in Public Expense.

"4. Economy in the public expense